RULES

OF THE

PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.

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Philanthropic Society.

THE Subscribers, deeply impressed with the melancholy situation of Persons confined in the Jail of this Town for Debt—for whose subsistence no legal provision being made, they are often exposed to the severest sufferings from cold and hunger, have agreed to form themselves into a Society, for the Preamble

purpoſe of alleviating, in ſome degree, the horrors of ſuch confinement—and agree to the following regulations, viz.

ARTICLE I.

Name — The Society ſhall be called The PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

Officers and Members — The Philanthropic Society ſhall compriſe a President, Vice-Preſident, a Treaſurer and Secretary, a Committee of Six, and as many perſons of respectability as may be diſpoſed to give their aid and support to it.

ARTICLE III.

Quarterly Meetings — The Quarterly Meetings of the Society ſhall be held on the laſt Thursday of January, April, July and October: in January and April, at 7 o'clock;

and in July and October, at 8 o'clock, in the Evening; for which the Members shall be summoned, by Written or Printed Notices from the Secretary, at least two days previous to each time of Meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

The Officers of the Society shall be annually ballotted for, at the April Meeting—and the Committee of Six appointed, by general assent, Quarterly. Appointment of Officers, &c.

ARTICLE V.

The admission of Persons proposed for Members of the Society shall be determined by a show of hands, and a majority of two thirds of the Members present being in their favour. Admission of Members.

ARTICLE VI.

Perſons joining the Society ſhall pay Five Shillings—and Three Shillings ſhall be paid Quarterly by each Member, from which laſt ſum One Shilling may be deducted towards defraying the Evening's Expences.

ARTICLE VII.

Duty of the Committee of Six

Two of the Committee of Six ſhall ſerve monthly—viſit the Jail at leaſt once a week, examine minutely into the ſituation and wants of the Priſoners confined for Debt, and apply the Funds of the Society to their relief—in caſes where their aid or advice may be neceſſary, they may ask the aſſiſtance of the Officers of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

Accounts

The Treaſurer ſhall render his ac-

counts annually, at the Meeting of the Society in April, and the Committee of Six their Accounts of Disburſements Monthly to the Treaſurer, who ſhall lay them before the Society at the Quarterly Meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

The arrearages due to the Society, ſhall be collected twice a year, and a commiſſion of two and an half per cent. ſhall be allowed to the perſon appointed by the Society to make the ſaid collection. Arrearages

ARTICLE X.

The Secretary ſhall be furniſhed with a Book, in which he ſhall enter the Names of the Subſcribers—the Treaſurer's Accounts, the Names of the Members preſent at each Quarterly Secretary's Duty

Meeting—the proceedings, collections, and disbursements.

ARTICLE XI.

List of arrearages

The Secretary shall furnish, when required, a list of the sums respectively due by the Members.

ARTICLE XII.

Non-payment of Dues

Any Member refusing or neglecting to pay his dues for upwards of two years, shall be excluded, unless circumstances should occur to excuse him.

ARTICLE XIII.

Sum at disposal of Committee.

The Committee appointed to visit the Jail, shall be allowed to expend, for the relief of distressed Debtors, confined therein, the sum of Three Pounds, during each of the Months of

April, May, June, July, Auguſt, September, October, and November; and Four Pounds during each of the Months of January, February, March, and December. At the expiration of each Month, the Treaſurer ſhall pay, upon application to him, the ſum expended by the Committee, and the ſaid Committee ſhall annex to the account of Expenditure, so rendered to the Treaſurer, a full report of the Names of the Perſons impriſoned for debt, during the Month, the amount of the debts for which they are so impriſoned, the names of the Perſons at whoſe ſuit they were arreſted, and the length of their confinement.

Joſeph Alliſon
James S. Alport
William Almon
Thos. C. Allan
Joſeph Auſten
S. G. W. Archibald
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Mather Almon
John Albro, Jun.
Hon. A Belcher
William Bond
Martin G Black
Thos. C. Beamiſh
James Bain
Thomas Boggs
Michael Bennett
Thomas Brown
Samuel Cunard
William Conroy
John Clarke
John Carroll
Enos Collins

Henry Croskill
Rev. John Carroll
Lawrence Doyle
Lewis De Molitor
Adam De Chezeau
John Dupuy
Joſeph Dolby
James Foreman
James Forman, Jun.
Hon. James Fraſer
Rupert D. George
Daniel Grant
Oliver Goldſmith
W. Goreham
Hon. C. Hill
Hon. B. Halliburton
F. W. Haden
Joſeph Hobſon
James Hogg
John Howe,
John Howe, Junr.
John D. Hawthorn

Charles J. Hill
William Higgins
Rev. Dr. Inglis
J. W. Johnſton
Thos. W. James
Hon. T. N. Jeffery
George Innes
Rev. J. Knowlan
John Lawſon
Thomas Leonard
William Leppert
William Letſon
John Letſon
George P. Lawſon
Hon. C. Morris
William Milward
John Merrick
Frederck Major
William Minns
John M'Kinzie
J. G. Marſhall
John G. Pyke
John Patterson
Lewis E. Piers
William Patterſon
George Paw
S. B. Robie
John Roſs
Hon. Judge Stewart
John Stayner
Joſeph Starr
J. N. Shannon
John Salter
John Starr
Thomas Smith
Samuel Story
John Leander Starr
John Scott
David Starr
J. Stayner, Jun.
James Tobin
Michael Tobin
John Tremain
Edmund Ward
John Witham
William Young